

# TOWN OF HERNDON

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### **TOWN OF HERNDON 3rd QUARTER COMMUNITY INSPECTIONS REPORT**

Herndon, VA (April 11, 2008) – During the third quarter of FY 2008 (January 1, 2008 through March 31, 2008) 34 new complaints regarding excessive occupancy of residences were received by the Town of Herndon's Zoning Inspections team. Thirty nine cases were closed during the quarter, with violations abated in 24 cases and no violations found in the remaining cases.

This compares to 51 new complaints received and 70 cases closed, with 24 of those cases abated, during the third quarter of FY 2007.

Additionally, the length of time between receipt of a complaint and an initial visit by the Town's zoning enforcement team has decreased from seven days during the third quarter of FY 2007 to less than one day during the third quarter in FY 2008. The length of time to determine the status of a complaint also decreased, from four weeks in FY 2007 to just over two weeks in FY 2008.

Since May 2005, 34 cases have been brought to court. Defendants in 32 of these cases have been found guilty and fines have been levied against them.

"The decrease in the excessive occupancy caseload represents a tremendous stride forward in the Town's effort to eliminate residential overcrowding in our neighborhoods," said

Mayor Stephen J. DeBenedittis. “The resources we have dedicated to combat this health and safety hazard are consistently resulting in fewer cases each quarter.”

For more information on excessive occupancy enforcement or to file a complaint, contact the Department of Community Development, Zoning Inspections, at 703/707-2666 or [community.violations@herndon-va.gov](mailto:community.violations@herndon-va.gov). Information is also available on the enforcement page under Planning/Zoning at [www.herndon-va.gov](http://www.herndon-va.gov).

The Town of Herndon was incorporated by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia on January 14, 1879. Located in western Fairfax County, Herndon is the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest town in the Commonwealth and is home to more than 22,000 citizens. Businesses located within the Town of Herndon, which range from high tech enterprises to entrepreneurially-owned establishments, employ approximately 23,500 people.

For more information, visit the Town’s website at [www.herndon-va.gov](http://www.herndon-va.gov).

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